

August 21, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly
Federal Communications Commission
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As the president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford, Illinois, I am writing today to request the FCC's approval of the pending transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

The Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the country are dedicated to helping young people, especially disadvantaged young people, succeed in school and life. We offer mentoring, homework assistance and summer camping programs. We make the difference in the lives of thousands of children and teens between six and 18 by providing a safe haven where they are free to learn and play. The club in Rockford serves more than 6,500 at any one time at five locations in Winnebago County.

We know that these young people are the future of our country, and we need to do everything in our power to see that they develop in a way that turns them into productive citizens. Comcast believes that, too.

Comcast supports our community through the company's volunteer activity. I understand that Comcast Cares Day is the largest corporate day of service in the country. Hundreds of Comcast employees, their friends and family members rolled up their sleeves to help Boys and Girls Clubs and other worthy organizations throughout Illinois.

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

1040 North Second Street • PO Box 1716 • Rockford, IL 61110 815-972-5973 • www.rockfordboysandgirlsclub.org President / CEO Clifford J. Stoner



The Boys and Girls Clubs provide computers and training for our young people because we realize that without these skills, our students will not be able to compete in the digital age. For the last three years Comcast has provided thousands of dollars in grants to enhance and support our digital arts program. Additionally, Comcast is on the cutting edge with its Internet Essentials program. Many of our participating families are eligible for Internet Essentials, which offers a broadband connection at home for less than \$10 a month to many families with at least one child in the National School Lunch Program. This is a fantastic deal. And it doesn't end there. Families can also purchase a computer for \$150 or less and receive training for the adults as well as the students. Comcast launched this program as a three-year program in 2011, but the company has recently announced that it will extend it indefinitely to enable more families to take advantage of it.

To us, Comcast is more than a global telecommunications giant. It is an excellent corporation citizen dedicated to social responsibility. Many of the beneficiaries of Comcast Cares Day and other financial support from the Comcast Foundation are not even customers of Comcast's core services. We are grateful for everything that Comcast contributes to our community. I believe that they would extend these good works into the areas now served by Time Warner. This could only benefit the many children in those areas who need help from organizations like the Boys and Girls Club. Because of this, I urge you to approve this transaction.

Sincerely,

Clifford 1. Stoner President/CEO